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1. The National Congress of the Norwegian Communist Party (NKP), held in Oslo on 4, 5 and 6 February 1949, was attended by the following prominent members of the Danish Communist Party (DKP):

Aksel Larsen, leader of the DKP.

Borge Houmann, chief editor of the DKP newspaper LAND OG FOLK.

Harry Rasmussen, president of the Danish Stokers' Union.

A fourth person, described as a Communist leader from South Jutland.

2. The Danish group participated in a discussion of methods of countering Atlantic Pact propaganda. It was decided that each country was to be considered individually, and that Danish Communist efforts were to be restricted to working through those Social Democrats who are already reluctant to accept the pact.

3. The group was instructed to await further instructions regarding long-term Communist policy in Scandinavia.

4. An [redacted] source has expressed the belief that a Scandinavian "Cominform" has been organized, which is separate and distinct from that already existing in other areas, and responsible directly to Moscow.**

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[redacted] Comment. There is no additional evidence to support the belief that a Communist information bureau patterned on the original Cominform has been created in Scandinavia. There have, however, been indications of increased coordination among certain representatives of the three Scandinavian national Communist parties, not necessarily with unanimous official support of those parties.

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